
Baldwin Lake Association

Maintain and preserve our lake community for future generations through education, communication, and commitment to Baldwin Lake.

Wednesday, May 17th 2023

Attendees

Nancy and David Smith

Mike and Janice Crofoot

Jenna Labash

Mary Hansen

Mary Kowalski

Mike Schirott

Claire Delano

Jen Erbe

Laurie Macri

Mary Wain

Agenda

Call to Order at 6:30 by Mary Kowalski

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance in the General Fund as of 04/30/2023 is \$40,499.96
- BLA wrote a check for fish stocking. \$3,250.00 (March).
- BLA received a check from Sawyer for \$3,000.00 (May)
- Sponsorship checks will show up in May's statement.

Correspondence:

- Sponsorship received from Wyland's.
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Water & Boating Safety:

- Mike Crofoot has been working with Hall's about sponsorship for the fishing tournament
- June 17th on Diamond lake, there will be a boaters safety class.
 - Will get more info/flyer to post on facebook page.
 - Michigan DNR website for info. More information will be posted on facebook.
 - Wake boats are an ongoing concern with the State of Michigan.
 - References are in the Riparian magazine.

Water/Environment:

Water Testing:

- Began water testing and completed 1st Secchi test.
- Visibility at 24ft
- It hasn't been this good in quite a few years

Goose Busters:

They came out for their 2nd round of collection but did not find any eggs. BLA was not aware in advance. Permit was valid from 4/3/23 - 5/11/23. They will not be out again this year.

In the 1st round they collected 37 eggs. Geese cannot produce eggs year-round as other birds can.

Committee Affairs:

- Sawyer Lehman - Not able to attend the meeting, but BLA did receive the check for \$3,000 for fish stocking.
- Road clean up was April 29th - Huge success. All 3 lake associations worked together.
- New Adopt-A-Road sign ordered for BLA on Sunset Blvd - no updates currently.
- New yard signs have been printed and ready for pickup for Sunset Blvd.
- Signs for the fishing tournament are here. (4 of them)
- New event flyer for this year's welcome bag will be created

Social:

- Apparel store is currently open and has been posted on FB, website and emailed.
 - Deadline is May 30th.
 - This is a fundraiser for the fireworks this year.

Kid's Fishing Tournament: June 10th at Mike & Janice Crofoot's house.

- Lake Effect and Hall's for sponsorships so far. - Mike Crofoot will follow up
- Registration is currently open for the event - as of 5/16/23 we only have 6 kids signed up.

Poker Run: July 15th 12pm - 3pm

- Band: AstroNots 3pm - 6pm
- Host: Bob & Lisa Dumm and Ike Smith
- BLA needs to order envelopes, playing cards.
- Tent 20 x 30 \$260.00. Deliver for \$20.00
- For the stops: we need to remind them they can not pass out alcoholic beverages. It is a liability issue.
- When people buy their card hands, a red ticket will be given in their envelopes. This ticket is for voting for your favorite stop. There will be a table that has buckets for each stop to drop your ticket in to vote for the best stop.
- Bob Pettit will have food provided on his property for the event.

BLT: July 29th

- We're not getting a tent or band this year.
- Jenna Labash is looking into food for the event.
 - Jen Erbe mentioned Zach at Mill's.
- BLA is looking into hiring Race Day Events to do timing. \$2,400 est.
 - Estimate includes timing (chips & mats), bike racks and 2 big swim buoys
 - This will enable us to provide split times for participants.
- We need swim caps, bike tags, gift bags, race bibs, etc.
 - Jenna and Claire are looking into this to get some donated to BLA.
- Mike Shirott has been talking to Porter Township and the Road Commission about closing the road, etc. **As last year, we are looking to close Sunset for the duration of the race, approximately 8:00am to 10:00am.**

Fireworks: Monday, July 3rd at 10pm or dark.

- Yard signs will be posted at the landing the week before to let people be aware of the landing being closed. (confirm time)

Flotilla: Monday, July 3rd (same day as fireworks)

- Meet in Little Baldwin at 11:30am
- Theme: Holidays
- Event has been posted on FB. Will send out an email when it gets closer to the event.

Music on the water:

- August 5th Rock Dogs at Smalorville in Little Baldwin. 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- August 12th at Crofoot's. Kevin Quarandillo (Q Sonics) 2:00pm - 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Mike Crofoot stated he has been talking to a few people who have lived at the lake for many years and they want BLA to look into an old fashioned dinner/dance around Christmas at the CCCC

- 1st Saturday of December. Mike Schirott will get a hold of CCCC to rent it out.
- Cocktails at 6. Dinner at 7
- Possibly do an online registration to get head count
- Look into a DJ
- Look into local businesses for catering.

Plans for Annual Meeting:

- Article to be printed from MLSA
- Mike Schirott contacted Corey Marlow to possibly be present to talk about Porter Township issues
- Per BLA Bylaws, we need to post candidates who are running for BLA Board 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- There are 3 positions up for election this year
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary

- If anyone is interested in running for these positions, please email the board at Board@baldwinlakeassociation.com
- There will be a table for members to buy Poker Run tickets.
- There will be a separate table to pay BLA Memberships
- Sign in sheet for everyone to sign in.

Committee Reports:

Sponsorship committee:

-April 1, 2023 BLA sent out our updated sponsorship form via email.

-May 1, 2023 Reminder letter email was sent out via email.

-June 1, 2023 Deadline to have sponsorship forms in and money received.

Open Discussion: Nothing new

Next BLA meeting:

Thursday, June 22nd

6:30pm

Dave and Nancy Smith's House

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